

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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April 21, 2009

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RE:

**DOCKET NO. 376** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 24 Dinglebrook Lane, Newtown, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Fisher:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than May 5, 2009. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. A list of parties and intervenors dated April 8, 2009, is enclosed. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly

Executive Director

SDP/MP

c: Council Members Parties and Intervenors



## Docket No. 376 Pre-Hearing Questions Set One

- 1. What is New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC's (AT&T) existing signal strength in the area that would be covered by this facility?
- 2. What is the minimum signal level AT&T would consider acceptable for service in the vicinity of the proposed site?
- 3. What is the minimum signal level that AT&T requires in order to provide adequate invehicle coverage? What is the minimum signal level that AT&T requires in order to provide adequate in-building coverage?
- 4. When was the search ring first initiated for a tower in this area? Why is the proposed site located outside of the search ring? Inside the search ring is SR 1860 Newtown 2. Is this an existing site, or an optimal location / starting point for the site search process?
- 5. Has AT&T considered locating the tower at the Paugussett State Forest? Explain why the site was rejected.
- 7. What were the results of AT&T's notice to abutting property owners? Were the certificates of service returned from all those to whom notice was sent? If not, whose certificate was not returned? What other attempts were made to notify these persons? Provide a copy of all returned certificates of service.
- 8. How many residences are within 1,000 feet of the proposed tower location? How far (distance and direction) is the nearest residence (not on the subject property) from the proposed tower?
- 9. Provide the distance and direction from the proposed site to the existing sites that the proposed tower would interact with. Also include the addresses, tower heights, antenna heights and tower types (e.g. monopole).
- 10. Would flush-mounted antennas or antennas attached to the tower via T-arms provide the required coverage? Would either configuration result in reduced coverage and/or necessitate greater antenna height? Explain.
- 11. Provide coverage plots using the same scale provided assuming the tower is 140 feet tall (with 140 foot antenna centerline height) and 130 feet tall (with 130 feet antenna centerline height), respectively.
- 12. How many trees with a diameter greater than six inches breast height would be removed during the development of the proposed access road and compound at the proposed site?
- 13. Calculate the amounts of cut and fill required to develop the proposed tower site and access drive.
- 14. Would AT&T have backup power at its tower site? How would backup power be provided, e.g. battery, diesel generator, etc.? Has AT&T considered using a fuel cell as a backup power source for the proposed facility? Explain.

Date: April 8, 2009

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## LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS $\frac{\text{SERVICE LIST}}{\text{SERVICE LIST}}$

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